

STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR
PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS
OF THE
DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT
(DSA-SS AND DSA-SS/CC)

REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 5

2013 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires that an Initial Statement of Reasons be available to the public upon request when rulemaking action is being undertaken. The following information required by the APA pertains to this particular rulemaking action.

STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC PURPOSE, PROBLEM, RATIONALE AND BENEFITS:

Section – 2013 edition of the California Plumbing Code

DSA proposes to repeal the 2009 edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), and to adopt the 2012 edition of the UPC (published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials) for codification and effectiveness as the 2013 California Plumbing Code (CPC). DSA proposes this action in order to comply with state law requiring state agencies to propose adoption of the latest edition model codes within one year of the publication date.

Building standards proposed by DSA-SS for adoption would be applicable to public elementary and secondary schools, community colleges, and state-owned or state-leased essential services buildings.

This proposal will also make effective the 2012 edition of the UPC as the 2013 edition CPC, for application by DSA-SS/CC (Division of the State Architect – Structural Safety/Community Colleges) to community colleges, which a community college district may elect to use in lieu of standards promulgated by DSA-SS per Education Code Section 81053.

The 2012 edition of the UPC Preprint changes are shown in strikeout and underline.

No new amendments to the 2012 edition UPC are being proposed DSA-SS or DSA-SS/CC. State administrative amendments contained in CPC Chapter 1 are being continued with editorial changes proposed as noted below.

CHAPTER 1 – California Administration

Section 1.1.1 (Title)

Editorial amendment to bring up-to-date; reference to the 2012 edition of the UPC by deleting reference to 2009 UPC.

CHAPTER 4 – Plumbing Fixture and Fixture Fittings

Table 4-1

TABLE NUMBER: Editorial amendment to bring up-to-date; new numbering format of the 2012 edition of the UPC by changing Table 4-1 to Table 422.1 (Minimum Plumbing Facilities). The 1ST paragraph under this table is also amended to reflect correct table number.

2ND PARAGRAPH: The 2nd paragraph is amended to adopt the entire sentence as a CA amendment. In the 2010 CPC only the words ‘Occupant Load Factor Table A’ was CA language – the beginning of this sentence “The total occupant load shall be determined in accordance with the ...” was 2009 UPC language. In the 2012

edition of the UPC this sentence was deleted. This sentence is necessary to carry forward existing unamended CA amendments.

FOOTNOTES: The footnotes under the table are amended to bring up-to-date; new numbering format of the 2012 edition of the UPC by changing Footnote 18 to Footnote 4. In the 2010 CPC the 2009 UPC had 17 Footnotes with 2 additional CA Footnotes. Renumbering of the Footnotes is necessary to coordinate with new numbering format of the 2012 UPC.

Chapter 6 – Water Supply and Distribution

Table 6-4

Editorial amendment to bring up-to-date; new numbering format of the 2012 edition of the UPC by changing Table 6-4 to Table 604.1 (Materials for Building Supply and Water Distribution Piping and Fittings).

Chapter 12 – Fuel Piping

Section 1211.18: Editorial amendment to bring up-to-date; new numbering format of the 2012 edition of the UPC by changing Section 1211.18 to 1210.18 (Earthquake-actuated Gas Shutoff Valves; which is printed in Chapter 12 for simplicity and the reader's convenience. Amendment is not applicable to the DSA-SS or DSA-SS/CC occupancies (public schools, community colleges and state essential services buildings).

TECHNICAL, THEORETICAL, AND EMPIRICAL STUDY, REPORT, OR SIMILAR DOCUMENTS:

None required, as Section 18928 of the Health & Safety Code mandates this proposed action.

STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION FOR PRESCRIPTIVE STANDARDS:

No new prescriptive standards are proposed.

CONSIDERATION OF REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES

The Division of the State Architect has not considered any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action, as this action is required by state law.

REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES THE AGENCY HAS IDENTIFIED THAT WOULD LESSEN ANY ADVERSE IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS.

The Division of the State Architect has not identified any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action, and no adverse impact to small business due to these proposed changes is expected.

FACTS, EVIDENCE, DOCUMENTS, TESTIMONY, OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF NO SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESS.

The Division of the State Architect has no evidence indicating any potential significant adverse impact on business with regard to this proposed action.

DUPLICATION OR CONFLICTS WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS

The regulations proposed for adoption do not duplicate or conflict with federal regulations.